



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LED BY CHRIST, TOGETHER IN FAITH AND
LOVE, WE JOYFULLY THINK, QUESTION,
GROW AND SERVE!

ABUNDANT JOY, OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF

September 18, 2016

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Melinda Jett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Be still and know that God is God, exalted high among nations, exalted in all the earth.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

One: Everyone who hears Christ's words and builds on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

All: God is our refuge and strength and a very present help in trouble.

*OPENING HYMN

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

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CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Jesus and our God, like outback children standing among a vast carpet of wild flowers, Christ has brought us to stand among the wealth of your love. Do not allow us to be blind to its beauty, or permit familiarity to dull its wonder, or fail to notice how shabby we are when surrounded by so much pristine love. Bring us to recognize our spiritual beggary in the midst of so much generosity; to admit our mistakes, to accept responsibility, to want to change, and to open our souls to your breath of forgiveness and transformation. Coax us further into the expanses of your love, that we may be changed into the likeness of our divine surroundings, and reflect some of the beauty of your holy love, in our thoughts and words and deeds. Through Jesus Christ our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE TO PARDON

Gloria Patri

#581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

CHILDREN'S TIME

Shelby Dickson

(Children may now be seated with their parents or those 5 and younger may leave for the nursery)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1ST SCRIPTURE READING

Our great God is still our Refuge and Strength
He is ever aware of our problems and fears.
Thus we have no business doubting Him,
Even though the earth is convulsed in tragedy
Or its human masses are threatened
By nuclear annihilation.

God continues to reign as all-wise
And as almighty as ever.
His eternal plan is not canceled out
By the whims of men
Or freakish accidents of nature.
Nations will destroy each other;
Civilizations will perish;
The earth itself may one day become
A smoking cinder, but God will not leave us.
He is forever our sure Refuge and Strength.

Psalm 46 (Psalms Now, Leslie Brandt)

Just look about you: read the pages of
history.
Refresh your flagging spirits with the
reminder
Of His great feats throughout the ages.
And you will again hear Him speaking:
"Relax, stop fretting, and
Remember that I am still Your God;
I still hold the reins on this world of
yours."

God is here among us;
He continues to be our Refuge and
Strength.

ANTHEM

Shelter in the Storm

Raney

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-30 (pg. 140, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

In Good Hands: Giving God My Day

Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

One: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

All: **That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

One: How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

All: **Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe God for such redemption.**

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

For the Fruit of All Creation

#36

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

Opportunities to serve this week

Minute for Mission: Stewardship

Invitation to Give

Peter Johnston

(Please sign the Act of Friendship sheet and pass it down the pew)

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#606

OFFERING PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

#720

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Church of Christ in Every Age

#320
(Vs. 1 & 5)

*The church of Christ in every age,
Beset by change but Spirit-led
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead.*

*We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all, without reserve,
And spread Christ's liberating word.*

*POSTLUDE

Portions of this liturgy come from Bruce Prewer, Uniting Church in Australia.



The flowers in the chancel are given:

- by Lloyd & Anne Davidson in honor of Mindi & Todd Davidson's 15th wedding anniversary.
 - by Phil Krug in memory of Glenda Krug.
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TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: Melinda Jett

Greeters: Liz & Chuck Carroll, Marilyn Holgerson

Ushers: Marcia & Paul Anderson, Margaret & Bruce Wyatt

Deacons Flower Deliverer: Sarah Morris

Candle Lighter: Tommy Payne

Worship Recorder: JR Lidgett

Manor Bus Driver: Pat Putzier

NURSERY CLOSED ON BEE THE CHURCH SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 25



Due to Bee the Church activities on Sunday, Sept. 25th, the Nursery will be closed. Please contact Deb Homman at nursery@fpcsalina.org if you have questions.

MIDWEEK MANNA PLANNING MEETING: SEPTEMBER 19

Our Wednesday Worship (coming 01.04.17) has a new name: Midweek Manna! We look forward to gathering for both spiritual and physical nourishment (worship and a meal) beginning in January. Our next planning meeting is Monday, Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m. All are invited to join as we make plans for worship, music, and food to prepare for this new, creative, informal worship!

THE WALK TO BETHLEHEM (W2B) JOURNEY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

For three months we will be making our way over land and sea to Bethlehem. It all begins on Saturday, October 1st and ends Friday, December 23rd! We will be awarding miles for “sporty” and “non-sporty” activities. We think everyone can find a way to participate! Sign-up at the W2B display in the church beginning October 2nd. There will be 3 ways to report your mileage. Look for more information in the October newsletter! Questions? Call or email Brigid Hall.



ADULT LECTURE WITH DR. PHIL MECKLEY ON SEPTEMBER 28

All youth and adults are invited to a lecture on "Buddhist themes and influences in the book of James" with Dr. Phil Meckley, a Professor of Religion & Philosophy at Kansas Wesleyan University, on Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Friends and neighbors are welcome, and Dr. Meckley looks forward to discussion and feedback at the end of the lecture. We hope you will plan to join us for this intellectual, insightful, and engaging event on Sept. 28th!

NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS BEGINS IN OCTOBER

For the five Sundays in October, our Sunday morning class will use a DVD series on religion, morality and politics called “Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White” by United Methodist Pastor Adam Hamilton. This series will include a DVD clip of Hamilton teaching, followed by class discussion using a study guide. Session topics include: Faith and Politics, Christians and the Culture Wars, the Ethics of Jesus, Spiritual Maturity, and “What Would Jesus Say to America?” Please join us for this timely study as we seek to engage in thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES IN OCTOBER

Our women's Bible Study will resume meeting on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in October. All women are welcome to join us in the Hope Room for this year's study called “Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes” by Judy Yates Siker. We will explore Jesus through the lenses of different biblical authors (Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, Paul, the Hebrews), as well as through the non-canonical gospels, the other Abrahamic faiths, and contemporary cultural interpretations. You do not have to participate in every class to benefit from the studies! Study books are available to use at each class or you may purchase one in the church office for \$10 each. This class will meet for nine months, through June 5, 2017.

CANDLE LIGHTERS NEEDED!



FPC invites all 2nd -5th graders and 6th -8th graders to sign up to serve as candle lighters! We hope that parents will consider signing their child(ren) up at least once over the coming months but are welcome to sign up for numerous slots. Visit the following link to sign up: <http://bit.ly/2cdrZvs>. You may also email Shelby Dickson at shelby@fpcsalina.org.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY SERVERS NEEDED: OCTOBER 2

Plans are afoot to forgo intinction to serve the Lord's Supper on World Communion Sunday Oct. 2nd. Instead, plates of bread and cup will be passed among members in the pews. That means more servers are needed. If you are willing to serve that day, please contact the church office.

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT FPC:

Did we make a mistake? We want to correct it!

Email office@fpcsalina.org and we'll fix it.

SUNDAY, September 18 – Stewardship Kickoff

Art Display & Discussion – Hope Room, 9 am

Nursery Open – 9:45 am

Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am

Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am

CIA/SWAT Youth Groups – Youth Room,
11:15 am



MONDAY, September 19

Staff Meeting – Hope Room, 11 am

October Newsletter Submission Deadline - 12 pm

Personnel Committee – Parlor Conf Room, 4 pm

Wednesday Worship Meeting – Hope Room,
5:30 pm

Children & Family Committee – Hope Room,
6:30 pm

TUESDAY, September 20

Adult Ed Committee – Hope Room, 5:30 pm

Deacons Meeting – Conference Room, 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, September 21

FBI Program – Downstairs Classroom, 3:45 pm

FBI-In-Training – Nursery, 3:45 pm

Yoga – Youth Annex, 5 pm

CPR/First Aid Training – Blair Hall, 6 pm

Choir Practice – Choir Room, 7 pm

THURSDAY, September 22

HeBrews Bible Study – Mokas, 6:45 am

Coffee Group – Parlor Conf Room, 10 am

Trustees Meeting – Conference Room, 12 pm

FPC Deacons provide Circles meal – Blair Hall,
4:30 pm

SUNDAY, September 25 – Bee the Church

Nursery Closed

Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am

Bee the Church Activities – 10:15 am

FPC Community Picnic, Pacific Park, 11:15 am

CIA/SWAT Communities in Schools Project –
Lakewood Middle School, 1 pm



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: OCTOBER 2

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected at FPC on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016. The special offering formerly was known as the Peacemaking Offering, is one of four special collections by the Presbyterian Church (USA). This year's theme is "Setting the Table of Peace."

Your support of the Peace and Global Witness Offering acknowledges that a wilderness of conflict may surround us, but we are not abandoned there. If we open our eyes to the possibilities of peace, we see God has set a table for anyone willing to take a seat. Envelopes will be placed in the pews on Sunday, Oct. 2nd and 9th. Please give generously.

CHILDREN AT THE LORD'S TABLE WORKSHOP: OCTOBER 2



We would like to cordially invite all children in K-5th grades, and a parent, to join Pastor Charlie and Shelby, for a special Children at the Lord's Table Workshop. The workshop will take place on World Communion Sunday on October 2 at 9 am in the Sanctuary. We will learn about the Lord's Supper and what it means to celebrate at the Table. Children will all be invited to help lead in worship the same day by assisting with the blessing of the breads. Even for those that attended last year's workshop, we

hope that you'll find this morning to be a refresher with a number of new aspects included. Please RSVP to Shelby Dickson, Director of Children's Christian Education, at shelby@fpcsalina.org.



BEE READY FOR BEE THE CHURCH SUNDAY!



Many thanks to everyone who participated in – and attended – the FPC Rally Sunday ministry fair in Blair Hall after the Sept. 11th Sunday worship service. The energy and creativity were amazing as each committee, along with the Walk to Bethlehem and soon-to-debut Wednesday worship service, offered information and opportunities to serve. Rally Sunday was also an opportunity to look ahead and organize for Bee the Church Sunday on Sept. 25th. On that day, we'll gather briefly in the sanctuary at 10 a.m., and then disperse for that day's mission projects. *Please note: the nursery will be closed that day.*

If you are not a committee member, you can still sign up for one of the Bee the Church Projects. Signup posters are in the west hallway opposite the elevator.

- **Adult Education:** “Monkey in the Classroom” backpacks (“Love Chloe” project)
- **Children & Families:** Child Advocacy & Parenting Services backpacks
- **Congregational Care and Nurture:** FPC grounds cleanup
- **Deacons:** Special fall packages deliveries & quarters for Salina Shares’ Laundry Love
- **Personnel:** Writing encouragement notes to Guatemalan Mission team co-workers
- **Social Justice and Mission and Stewardship:** Community lunch at Pacific Park
- **Trustees:** In-church housecleaning
- **Worship and Music:** Members’ work requests
- **Youth and Young Adults:** Communities in Schools at Lakewood Middle School at 1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the community picnic at Pacific Park, starting at 11:15.



Here's a suggestion: Contact a church member whom you haven't seen at worship in a while. Tell them of a great opportunity to become involved again -- not by going to church, but in rolling up their sleeves and becoming part of Bee the Church Sunday!



ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR ASHBY HOUSE AND CAREER CLOSET

Do you have furniture or appliances (in good, working condition) that need a new home? If you have furniture that you want to give to Ashby House, call Brigid Hall 826-0407 and she will get you the contact information. They will even pick up your large items! Do you need a good reason to clean out your closets, or give away nice clothes you don't wear anymore? We are also collecting interview clothes and shoes for both women and men at the church to support Circles of the Heartland and Ashby House. We plan to build up a "Career Closet" with nice men's and women's clothing in a variety of sizes that are *cleaned, pressed, and interview-ready*. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the church office, and we will direct you to the closet to hang them. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER 25TH SERVICE RADIO REBROADCAST

Since there'll be no "official" worship service on Bee the Church Sunday, Sept. 25th, KINA AM 910 will rebroadcast the 9/11 worship service at 10 a.m. that day.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- FPC's Nursery, located on the second floor, is available for infants and children ages 5 and younger.
- FPC encourages children ages 6 and older to remain in worship. Worship bags for children of all ages are located in the lobby. When you are finished with the bag, please put it in the basket so that it can be replenished and straightened. Pew Art cards are also available in the pew racks.
- **FBI** (Faithful Bible Investigators) is our Christian Education program for children in grades K-5.
- **FBI-In-Training** is our Christian Education program for children age 2 through Pre-K.
- **HeBrews** is our Senior-High Youth Bible Study that meets every Thursday during the school year at 6:45 am at Moka's on Crawford. The name is derived from *Hebrews 10:25*.
- **CIA** (Christians In Action) is our Mid-High (6th-8th grades) Youth Group that meets Sunday mornings after worship. They study the Bible in a way that allows them to use energy and creativity to learn God's word.
- **SWAT** (Senior-high Worshipping All the Time) is our Senior-High (9th-12th grades) Youth Group that meets Sunday mornings after worship. This group focuses on mission and fellowship during this time.
- Extra hymnals, including large print, and Bibles are available in the back of the sanctuary.
- The sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop. Please switch your hearing aid to t-coil to use. Please see your audiologist to activate your t-coil if you haven't done so yet. For more information on t-coil & Hearing Loop, you can find information packets on the credenza in the narthex. Headsets are also available. An usher will be happy to help if you need assistance.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE:

- Tan "Prayer Request" Cards are for prayer requests or concerns. These go to the Board of Deacons.
- Blue "We Care" Cards are for messages of care to persons of the congregation; these cards are mailed the next week. Cards are available in the back of the room. Please place the cards in the offering plate.
- Your "Prayer Concerns" can now be submitted online. Please visit www.fpcsalina.org/ministries/prayer-concerns and they will be forwarded to a pastor.

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SUNDAY STAFF

Lead Pastor/Head of Staff: *Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith*

Director of Music: *Richard Koshgarian*

Director of Youth Ministry: *Tricia Cobb*

Head Custodian: *Ed Zoch*

Nursery Coordinator: *Debb Homman*

Organist: *Angie Koshgarian*

Director of Children's CE: *Shelby Dickson*

Custodian: *Tony Griggs*

Nursery Caregivers: *Trista Shuler, Anita Thompson*

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Abundant Joy

Overflowing Generosity

—2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (NRSV)



Giving God My Day

“Be still, and know that I am God!”

—Psalm 46:10, NRSV



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To be still reveals a willingness to value personal quiet time with God. No iPod, radio, TV, pager, cell phone. Just sitting quietly in the company of God. It takes practice.

Jesus says that his followers hear his voice (John 10:27). Reserving a place and time each day to “hear” the whisper of God allows God to put thoughts into our minds. As one person has put it, “God speaks every day! What is the quality of your antenna?” God invites us to hear and respond. From the often-ragged edges we can move closer to the center of life, to God.

Time with God each day allows us to know that we are treasured, loved by God. Devotional prayer allows us to listen, speak, forgive, and accept the gift of forgiveness. God may encourage us to take a risk, apologize, or make the tough decision. The Spirit may urge us to get help, slow down, stop running, ask, accept, or speak the truth. The list of possibilities is limitless, but most importantly, practicing devotional prayer allows us to be...just be...with God and ourselves.

Questions for Reflection

- What are your challenges to claiming a personal quiet time with God? What are the benefits of stillness in your relationship with God?
- What connections have you discovered between a receptive quiet time and abundant joy? Overflowing generosity?